some one thousand cases are pending with the Collector for the issue of pattas, and will the Government see that they are given pattas and evictions stopped? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, I shall try to accelerate the pace of the work."

Headquarters Hospital, Badagara.

* 301 Q.—SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any proposal with the Government to shift the present site of the headquarters hospital at Badagara in Kurumbranad taluk to any other convenient place within the limits of the Badagara Panchayat Board; and

(b) if so, the reason for delay in executing the proposal?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise."

Salary and allowances of the police constables.

* 302 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposals to increase the salary and allowances of the police constables?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister whether any representations have been received from associations of policemen in this connexion? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I have not seen or looked into any representations and so I cannot answer this question. All that I am able to say is that there have been many revisions of their pay and finally, there was a revision and that was confirmed very recently. No change is now proposed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" A police constable gets the ordinary rate of allowance of twelve annas per day as daily allowance and if he travels outside the district, gets one rupee . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I would request the hon. Member to proceed slowly."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the high cost of living and the need to increase the salaries and allowances of petty Government servants like the police constable and will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to reconsider this question and increase their allowances and salaries? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government are very particular to have the loyalty of the Police force

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intact and they will do everything that is necessary for this purpose, consistent with their finances. There is no division between the lower and the higher officers in regard to difficulties. They are all common difficulties and, at present, I might mention that the constables get, by the most recent revision, a pay of Rs. 30—40, dearness allowance, about twenty rupees, house rent allowance, seven rupees in the City and four in the mufassal and in addition a uniform allowance. Now, I do not think that this is too bad and I do not think that it should become a daily matter of question in the House. I must protest that the constable's salary need not be discussed every day in this House on an interpellation."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. the Chief Minister says, almost speaking for the Chair or using the powers of the Speaker, that he will protest against questions regarding salaries of constables being discussed on the floor of the House every day. I would like to know whether he is entitled to speak like that and I want a ruling?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is not the Chief Minister but it is the hon. Member who is taking the position of the Speaker. I should explain that it is not for a Member to assume the functions of the Speaker. I deprecate this discussion. It is because I am very anxious that the loyalty of the police should not be bandied about here."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Not in this way?" 9 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I know. I have made enough observations for the other side to understand what I mean."

Surveying of Chintalapadu Vanthu estate.

* 303 *Q.*—SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Chintalapadu Vanthu estate is being surveyed and, if not, when is it going to be surveyed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The estate is not being surveyed. The survey of the estate will be taken up as soon as possible."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, in this estate many disputes are going on and the zamindar has taken over the Bobbillapadu tank. In cases where there is a dispute, I understand Government have issued orders not to remove the zamindar from possession of the lands. If that be so, I want to know how the Government are going to protect the interests of the peasants and see that the 'banjar' lands, tank beds and other lands, are not grabbed by the zamindars?"

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech."